(ii) It has been decided to allot foodgrains for APL category at the discounted rate of 70% of the economic cost.

Procurement of Levy Rice in Andhra Pradesh

1989. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD **AND** PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether FCI has instructed to stop purchase of paddy and give preference to procurement of levy rice in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the procurement of rice made till date during this year in the State and the target set up for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN):(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As on 6.8.2001, a quantity of 65.77 lakh MTs of levy rice has been procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Andhra Pradesh as against the target of 70 lakh MTs fixed for the current Kharif Marketing Season 2000-2001. Besides FCI will also accept Custom Milled Rice out of 70% share of 10 lakh tonnes of paddy from the State Agencies of Andhra Pradesh.

Welfare Measures for Poor

1990. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether hunger and poverty compelled a mother to sell her son for Rs. 30Q/- in New Jalpaiguri as reported in news-papers on 26th June, 2001; and

(b) if so, the welfare measures proposed to be taken to feed those who cannot afford to purchase?

THE .MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The Government of West »